

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 203

By Overbey

A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Austin James Blodgett,
2011 Valedictorian of William Blount High
School.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those students who, through their natural talents and unflagging commitment to academic excellence, have distinguished themselves in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, Austin James Blodgett is one such exceptional student who was recently named Valedictorian of the 2011 graduating class at William Blount High School; and

WHEREAS, through diligent study, steady composure during examinations, and steadfast commitment of time and talent, Austin has achieved outstanding academic success and has joined the ranks of the best and brightest students in Tennessee and our country; and

WHEREAS, in his remarkable high school career, Mr. Blodgett has earned an exemplary 4.0 grade point average while dedicating his time and energies to numerous scholastic organizations, including Math Club, Beta Club, Leaders and Achievers, and the National English Honors Society; and

WHEREAS, active in his community, he served as a Junior Board Member for the United Community Bank and attended the 2010 Tennessee Governor's School for Computational Physics, from which he earned seven college credit hours for Computational Methods for Scientists and Engineers I and II; and

WHEREAS, he is also an active member of his church, which he serves as a member of the Chancel Choir, the Refuge Youth Group, and youth service trips; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to awards and accolades, Mr. Blodgett participated in the Tennessee Mathematics Teacher's Association Math Contest, in which he took second place locally in 2008 for Algebra I and first place locally in 2009 for Algebra II. He participated in the Roane State Academic Festival, serving as team captain of the College Bowl Team which placed third in the competition, and Mr. Blodgett was also named a Questbridge Finalist and a

National Merit Scholarship Corporation Commended Student during his junior year of high school; and

WHEREAS, his noteworthy achievement is a tremendous source of pride for his family, his school, and his community; and

WHEREAS, Austin Blodgett's dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby commend and honor the 2011 William Blount High School Valedictorian, Austin James Blodgett, on his impressive academic achievement and extend to him our best wishes for a happy, successful future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.